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SUBJ: PRESIDENT EANES OF PORTUGAL VISITS VENEZUELA

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1. PRESIDENT RAMALHO EANES, ACCOMPANIED BY PORTUGUESE FONMIN SA MACHADO; ALVARO MONJARDINO, PRESIDENT OF THE AZORES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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GEN. ALTINO MAGALHAES, VICE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF; EMANUEL RODRIGUES

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PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF MADEIRA AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS MADE AN OFFICIAL THREE-DAY VISIT, MAY 27-30, TO VENEZUELA. IN ADDITION TO HOLDING ECONOMIC AND TRADE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ, EANES ADDRESSED THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WHERE HE DECLARED PORTUGAL'S SUPPORT FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND CALLED FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. THE VISIT WAS WELL PUBLICIZED, DOMINATING PRESS ATTENTION DURING EANES' STAY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, SEVEN ACCORDS

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WERE SIGNED COVERING ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE CENTERPIECE WAS AN IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT AIMED AT FACILITATING THE CONTRACTING OF SKILLED PORTUGUESE WORKERS AND SUBSEQUENT SETTLEMENT OF THEIR FAMILIES IN VENEZUELA. THE 18-POINT IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT ALSO ESTABLISHES THE SELECTION PROCEDURE AND MECHANISM TO SCREEN PROSPECTIVE PORTUGUESE WORKERS INTERESTED IN IMMIGRATING TO VENEZUELA.

3. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ALSO SIGNED WHICH REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION AND THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES; PRAISED DEMOCRACY AS THE BULKWARK OF DEFENSE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; CONDEMNED RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND REITERATED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS FAVORING THE EARLY RECOGNITION OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA; CALLED FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE DISARMAMENT; AND UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED THE HOPE THAT LOS TALKS ACHIEVE JUST AND EQUITABLE OBJECTIVES AND REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPING STATES TO THE RESEARCH, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACE PURPOSES.

4. COMMENT: THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF ACCORDS SIGNED HAD BEEN LANGUISHING IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR MANY MONTHS AND SO, AT LEAST INSOFAR AS THAT EMBASSY IS CONCERNED, THE EAMES VISIT WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL. THIS IS NOT AN UNUSUAL REACTION IN CARACAS.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE RECENT VISITS TO VENEZUELA OF THE KING OF SPAIN, PRINCE CHARLES AND PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO HELPED FLOAT A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WHICH HAD RUN AGROUND ON BUREAUCRATIC SHOALS. THE CENTERPIECE OF THE VISIT WAS, OF COURSE, THE IMMIGRATION

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AGREEMENT IMPORTANT TO BOTH COUNTRIES-VENEZUELA WHICH NEEDS SKILLED WORKERS OF ALL KINDS AND PORTUGAL WITH SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ACCENTUATED BY RECENT ARRIVALS FROM ITS FORMER AFRICAN COLONIES. THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE VENEZUELAN MADE AVAILABLE NOW NEW ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL (REFTEL). WE WILL POUCH COPIES OF THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED TO BOTH ADDRESSEES.

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